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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 573
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A RESOLUTION to honor Ms. Elizabeth Bowers on being named a Distinguished Finalist for a 2002 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in its deliberations and salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders for whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Elizabeth Bowers, an esteemed resident of Johnson City and an eighth grader at Tri-Cities Christian-Johnson City Campus, has been named one of Tennessee's top student volunteers in the Seventh Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Award's nationwide program, recognizing young people for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, for her exemplary volunteer service, Elizabeth was recognized as a 2002 Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, presented by The Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honoring young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Bower earned this award by creating the "Noah's Ark March," a program that collected hundreds of toys for children involved in natural disasters; she also started a program called "My Hand, Your Key," in which volunteers provide homework assistance to at-risk elementary school students; and

WHEREAS, due in large part to Ms. Bowers' remarkable efforts, many children have been able to better cope with the trauma of natural disasters and numerous others have been given the assistance needed to excel in school; and

WHEREAS, Prudential Financial, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, will present an engraved bronze Distinguished Finalist medallion to Elizabeth for her outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Bowers epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean, and takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Ms. Bowers who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Elizabeth Bowers on being named a Distinguished Finalist for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

